

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/GB 03/02937

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 C07K14/18 A61K31/13 G01N33/68

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 98 19670 A (NAJARIAN THOMAS) 14 May 1998 (1998-05-14) the whole document	15-19
X	WO 98 21338 A (US HEALTH ; LIANG T JAKE (US); BAUMERT THOMAS F (US)) 22 May 1998 (1998-05-22) page 11, line 15 - line 25	20-23

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P, X	<p>           GRIFFIN S D C ET AL: "The p7 protein of hepatitis C virus forms an ion channel that is blocked by the antiviral drug, Amantadine"            FEBS LETTERS, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AMSTERDAM, NL,            vol. 535, no. 1-3,            30 January 2003 (2003-01-30), pages 34-38,            XP004404840            ISSN: 0014-5793            the whole document         </p>	1-16

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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Information on patent family members

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